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## **COUNTY WANTS TO GIVE YOU MONEY** ***More than \$270,000 In Unclaimed Funds Sit in County Coffers***

Typically, the County collects money from its residents, but for the next few weeks, the tables are turned – Treasurer-Tax Collector Bart Hartman is trying to give back more than \$270,000 to County residents and businesses. His office is trying to close the books on unclaimed money that has been sitting in County coffers for more than three years.

Approximately \$270,000 is owed to various residents and companies. The money includes excess fees paid to departments, such as Probation, the Marshal's office, and Planning and Land Use. "For whatever reason, those who are owed the money have never come to collect it," said Hartman. "We are holding over 670 of these accounts, with the largest amount being \$15,000, and the average being \$398."

A list of those owed money has been published twice in local newspapers, and is now available on the Treasurer-Tax Collector's web site, [www.sdtreastax.com](http://www.sdtreastax.com). Lists are also available for the public to review in Room 101 of the Treasurer's Office in the County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego.

Those who are owed money have until Jan. 21, 2000, to file a claim with the appropriate department. After that, unclaimed money will revert to the County's General Fund.

"I spend most of my time collecting money from our citizens," said Mr. Hartman. "I really enjoy the chance to return the favor to those that I can."

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